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VAMPIRE

NEVER-NEVER-NEVER PICK UP A STRANGER! BOTH OF THEM KNEW THAT! YET WHEN THE STRANGER WAS A PRETTY GIRL, DYING IN HER OWN BLOOD, WHAT COULD THEY DO? AND NOW COULD THEY GUESS THE HORRIBLE FATE THAT LAY IN WAIT? BUT AT LEAST THEY COULDN'T MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE TWICE, BECAUSE WHEN YOU ARE DEAD, YOU CAN'T STOP FOR THE STRANGER IN THE DARK!
DR. LYNN WILLIS, AND HIS NURSE, MARY HITCHCOCK DRIVE ON A LONELY ROAD...
THIS IS A SPOOKY OLD ROAD, LYNN! AND WITH THAT FIEND LOOSE...
THEY'LL CATCH THAT LUNATIC BEFORE LONG, HONEY! ANYWAY, I'M WITH YOU! HEY-SOMETHING IN THE ROAD!
THE LIGHTS PICK UP A GRISLY SIGHT...

IT'S A GIRL! PROBABLY SOME HIT AND RUN DRIVER!
OR THE ESCAPED LUNATIC! MAYBE HE...
IS SHE ALIVE?
JUST BARELY! A TERRIBLE WOUND IN HER CHEST! SHE'S LOST A LOT OF BLOOD!
HOW IS SHE NOW?
I'VE STOPPED THE BLEEDING, BUT HER HEART IS VERY WEAK! CAN'T YOU GO FASTER, BABY!?
DO YOU THINK SHE WAS ATTACKED BY THE FIEND?
THAT'S FOR THE POLICE! OUR JOB IS TO SAVE HER LIFE!
WE'LL TAKE HER TO MY PLACE! IT'S CLOSER THAN THE HOSPITAL, AND TIME IS PRECIOUS!
THEN HURRY! I'LL DRIVE!
MINUTES LATER...
IF SHE LIVES SHE'LL BE LUCKY! LUCKY THAT YOU FOUND HER, DARLING, AND THAT YOU LIVE SO CLOSE!
AND LUCKY ALSO, THAT I DATE MY NURSE! BETTER GET SOME WHOLE BLOOD NOW!

BLAST IT, MARY, WHERE ARE THE RUBBER GLOVES? I HAVEN'T A PAIR THAT'S STERILE!
THERE SHOULD BE SOME IN THE STOREROOM!

GOOD GIRL! I'LL GET A PAIR AND BE RIGHT BACK! HOW DOES SHE LOOK?
I THINK HER COLOR IS BETTER, BUT HURRY!

THAT CHEST WOUND - VERY ODD! THAT FIEND LUNATIC NEVER ATTACKED ANYONE THAT WAY BEFORE! BUT MAYBE HE'S CHANGING HIS METHODS! AH, THE GLOVES!
GLOVES STERILE

MEANWHILE MARY REPLENISHES THE SUPPLY OF BLOOD...
POOR THING! HER VEINS WERE ALMOST EMPTY! I'LL NEED AT LEAST ANOTHER BOTTLE!
WHOLE BLOOD
WHOLE BLOOD
WHOLE BLOOD

AS SHE TURNS...
EEEEEEEEE-
I'LL TAKE THAT!
WHOLE BLOOD
WHOLE BLOOD

OH-NO-PLEASE! AAAGHH!
GREAT SCOTT! THAT'S MARY SCREAMING! THE LUNATIC MUST BE HERE!

HEAVENS! HE GOT IN THE WINDOW, ATTACKED MARY, AND FLED! DIDN'T HARM THE OTHER GIRL! MAYBE I CAN SAVE MARY!

BUT MOMENTS LATER, WITH A HEAVY HEART HE CALLED THE POLICE...
THIS IS DR. WILLIS, 314 SUTHERLAND DRIVE! COME AT ONCE! THAT LUNATIC HAS JUST MURDERED MY NURSE!
SURE, DOC! I'M SORRY ABOUT YOUR LITTLE NURSE! WE'LL GET THAT MONSTER! MEANWHILE WE'LL PUT A GUARD AROUND THE HOUSE!
WE'LL BE RIGHT THERE, DOCTOR!
HOURS LATER...
YOU UNDERSTAND ABOUT THE GIRL, OFFICER? I DARE NOT MOVE HER TO A HOSPITAL YET!
AS HE RENEWS HIS FIGHT TO SAVE A GIRL'S LIFE...
IRONIC! I LOSE MY GIRL TRYING TO SAVE ANOTHER ONE! IF ONLY WE HADN'T STOPPED--
BUT ALMOST IMMEDIATELY A STRANGE THING HAPPENS...
HUH! SHE'S TRYING TO GET UP! THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE! NO ONE EVER RECOVERED THIS QUICKLY FROM SUCH A TERRIBLE WOUND!
OHH- I- WHO- WHERE AM I? W-WHO ARE YOU?
YOU MUST BE A DOCTOR! YOU FOUND ME ON THE ROAD?
YOU MUSTN'T TALK, YOU'VE LOST A LOT OF BLOOD!
BLOOD? OH YES, I REMEMBER IT ALL NOW! HE TOOK ME TO THAT LONELY PLACE! HE TRIED TO KILL ME!
WHAT? YOU KNOW WHO DID THIS TO YOU? THEN YOU CAN HELP THE POLICE! I'LL CALL THEM, AND...

BUT AS HE STARTS FOR THE DOOR...
NO, PLEASE! NOT THE POLICE! NOT YET! I-I'M SO THIRSTY!
YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND! THE POLICE ARE HERE NOW! JUST OUTSIDE! AND REALLY, YOU MUST NOT EXERT YOURSELF!
PLEASE! LET ME TELL YOU WHAT HAPPENED FIRST! BEFORE I PASS OUT AGAIN!
GOOD IDEA!
MY HUSBAND! HE SHOVED THE SHARP STICK AT MY HEART!
THIS MAN HATED ME! HE TOOK ME TO THAT PLACE... HE HAD A SHARP STICK...
HE STABBED YOU WITH IT! WHAT MAN?
GOOD HEAVENS! BUT WAIT- THE ESCAPED LUNATIC ISN'T MARRIED!
LUNATIC? I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT! ALL I KNOW IS THAT MY HUSBAND FOUND OUT ABOUT ME!
FOUND OUT- OH I SEE! NOW TAKE IT EASY, MY DEAR!
SHE'S RAVING! HAVE TO HUMOR HER!
...BUT HE MISSED MY HEART! NEXT THING I REMEMBER WAS WAKING UP HERE! THERE WAS A GIRL, AND BLOOD, AND I WAS SO TERRIBLY THIRSTY...
A GIRL! MARY! AND YOU WERE THIRSTY! OH-NO!
YES! I'M A VAMPIRE!
YAAAAA
THE END

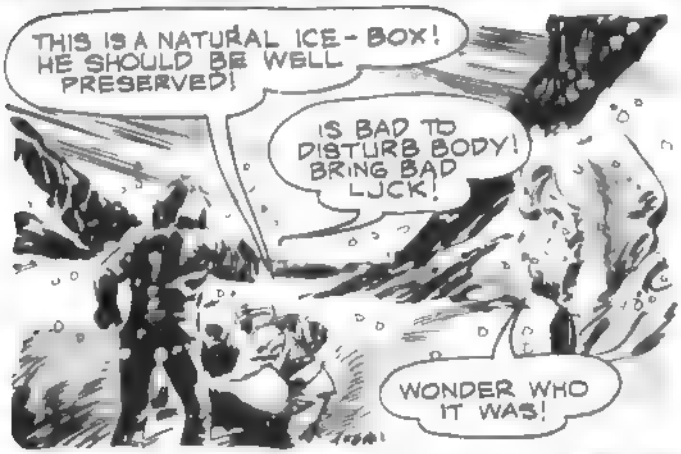
OVER THE HOWL OF THE WIND CAME A SHRILL AND HORRIBLE CRY OF DEATH! TWO MEN AND A WOMAN, CHALLENGED THE HIGHEST PEAK IN THE WORLD, WHICH HAD NEVER BEEN CONQUERED!
TOMB OF ICE
MOUNT EVEREST, CRUEL AND CONQUERED BY MAN IS AN ICY GRAVEYARD FOR MOUNTAINEERS AND OTHER THINGS!
MY NAME IS SANDRA SCOTT AND THIS IS HOW I LOOKED BEFORE THE STORY BEGAN SEVERAL MONTHS AGO! I WAS ONE IN A PARTY OF MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS, GETTING READY TO TACKLE THE KING OF ALL MOUNTAINS—EVEREST!

WITH OUR NATIVE GUIDE, OOG, WE STARTED UP THE LAST DANGEROUS STRETCH OF EVEREST...
HERE GOES, GANG! THREE-THOUSAND YARDS AND WE'LL BE THE FIRST HUMANS EVER TO CLIMB EVEREST!
ONLY THREE-THOUSAND YARDS DAN BUT IT'S ALMOST STRAIGHT UP!
BE CAREFUL NOW! MUCH DANGER!
DON'T THINK ABOUT IT SANDRA! WE'VE GOT TO MAKE IT!
EASY NOW- WATCH YOUR FOOTING!
NOTHING TO THIS LITTLE CHASM-
I'VE GOT TO KEEP UP WITH THE MEN! GOT TO PROVE I'M AS GOOD AS THEY ARE!

THEN, AS WE STOPPED TO REST, I SAW OOG STUDYING THE SKY INTENTLY...
NO GOOD, BIG STORM COME FAST!
MINUTES LATER...
OH, THAT WIND IS TERRIBLE!
HOLD ON EVERYONE! CAN'T LET THE TENT BLOW AWAY!
SUDDENLY OUR GUIDE CRYED OUT IN HORROR...
YIIIIII—LOOK SOME STRANGE THING COMES OUT OF STORM!
GREAT GODFREY, IT'S A MAN!
LIKE NO MAN I EVER SAW BEFORE!
BEWARE! I WARN YOU! GO BACK WHILE THERE IS TIME!
THE MOUNTAIN IS ANGRY! IT WILL KILL YOU...TURN BACK!
THE GHASTLY FIGURE STARTED TO VANISH INTO THE STORM...
HE SAID THE MOUNTAIN WOULD KILL US!
COME BACK, MAN! WHO ARE YOU?

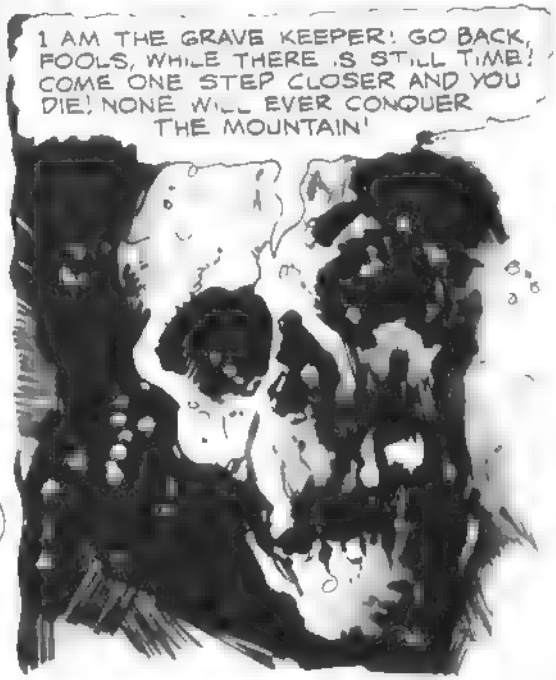
HAAAAA! MY NAME ONCE WAS KAHN, THE GREAT NOW I GO TO A PLACE FROM WHICH THERE IS NO RETURNING!
KAHN, THE GREAT?!... HE WAS BURIED ON THIS MOUNTAINS CENTURIES AGO!
A MUMMY? INCREDIBLE!
... S MUMMY! OOG NO LIKE! TURN BACK! NOW!
LATER, AS THE STORM BLEW ITSELF OUT, WE STARTED UP THE LAST THOUSAND YARD...
DAN, THE LEADER OF OUR PARTY THREATENED OOG WITH A GUN...
WE'RE GOING ON, UNDERSTAND? I'M NOT GOING TO BE CHEATED BY A THING IN RAGS!
WATCH IT NOW! FROM HERE ON EVERY FOOT IS TREACHEROUS!
MAYBE OOG IS RIGHT—PERHAPS WE SHOULD TURN BACK!
CAREFUL, SANDRA, DON'T BUMP YOUR HEAD AGAINST THE CLIFFS FACE!
I'M ALL RIGHT PULL ME UP!

THERE SHE IS AT LAST!
OOG STILL THINKS BETTER GO BACK!
YAAAA— SEE THERE IN ICE! IS HAND OF MAN!
LET'S DIG IT UP!
TO OUR HORROR WE RECOGNIZED THE THING THAT STARED UP AT US...


THIS IS A NATURAL ICE-BOX! HE SHOULD BE WELL PRESERVED!
IS BAD TO DISTURB BODY! BRING BAD LUCK!
WONDER WHO IT WAS!

THAT'S THE SAME MUMMY THAT WARNED US BACK THERE! KAHN, THE GREAT! THIS IS WHERE HE DIED!
YAAAA— HIS GHOST TELL US GO BACK!

AS WE STARED AT THE CORPSE WE SUDDENLY HEARD A PEAL OF MANIACAL LAUGHTER! AND WHAT WE SAW BROUGHT COLD SWEAT OUT ON OUR BODIES....
HA-HA-HA-HA-HO-HO-HO-HO-HA-HA-HA-HA-
YIIIII— IS DEATH SPIRIT OF MOUNTAIN!
WHAT A HORROR!


I AM THE GRAVE KEEPER! GO BACK, FOOLS, WHILE THERE IS STILL TIME! COME ONE STEP CLOSER AND YOU DIE! NONE WILL EVER CONQUER THE MOUNTAIN!

AS WE STOOD, SHAKING N TERROR, AND UNDECIDED, DAN STARTED FORWARD! ONLY HE WAS UNAFRAID...
I'M GOING ON! NO GHOST, OR SPIRIT, OR WHATEVER IT IS, IS GOING TO KEEP ME FROM LICKING EVEREST!
DAN-BE CAREFUL!
H-HE'S ALMOST TO THE TOP AND NOTHING HAS HAPPENED YET! MAYBE HE WILL MAKE IT AFTER ALL!
BUT JUST AS DAN WAS A FEW FEET FROM THE TOP....
A CREVICE OPENING— YAAAAA-
HELP-GAAA-
HA-HA-HO-HEE— NOW YOU ALL DIE!
AN AVALANCHE! RUN!

WE'LL NEVER MAKE IT, OOG! HEAR THAT HORRIBLE LAUGHTER– THAT THING IS TAUNTING US!
MOUNTAIN DEATH IS MUCH ANGRY!
OOG, THE ROCKS! CAVING IN ON US! RUN! MAYBE WE CAN FIND ANOTHER LEDGE DOWN LOWER ON THE SLOPE!
I'M CAUGHT, MISSY! HELP!
OOG TRAPPED BY ROCKS! HELP–NO LEAVE FOR DIE! YIIIIII–
TERRIEIED AS I WAS, I COULD NOT LEAVE THE HELPLESS MAN TO DIE ALONE! AS I WORKED DESPERATELY, THAT HORRIBLE LAUGHTER RANG IN MY EARS....
HA-HA-HA-HA-DIE!
NO USE! YOU'RE CAUGHT FAST!
HO-HO-HO-HO–YOU WAITED TOO LONG! THE MAN DIES FIRST, THEN YOU! YOU WILL NEVER DEFY THE MOUNTAIN AGAIN!
THAT CREATURE– ON SKIS! COMING AFTER ME!
OOG DIED BENEATH A SHOWER OF ROCKS...
NO–YAAAAA–

I WAS OUT OF MY MIND WITH FEAR I RAN, DOWN THE ICY MOUNTAINSIDE....
HO-HO-HO- NO USE TRYING TO ESCAPE ME! HEEEE-HAAAA-
AAAAAAA-

SUDDENLY I COULD RUN NO FARTHER..
HA-HA-HA-HA-HAA-
T-TRAPPED! IT'LL GET ME NOW, UNLESS I CAN ROPE MYSELF DOWN!

HO-HO-HO- HEEE-EEE- GOT YOU NOW!
ONE LAST CHANCE! IF I CAN LET MYSELF DOWN TO THE CREVICE BEFORE IT GET THOSE TERRIBLE HANDS ON ME!

PRAY TO HEAVEN THE ROPE HOLDS SAFE! IT D-DOESN'T SEEM TO BE COMING AFTER ME!

BUT THE HORROR HAD PLANS OF ITS OWN...
HE-HEE-HEE-HEE-YOU THINK TO ESCAPE WITH A FOOLISH TRICK LIKE THAT!

I'LL JUST HAUL UP THE ROPE!

THE TERRIBLE CREATURE BEGAN TO PULL ME UP SO THERE WAS ONLY ONE THING TO DO..
FALLING! BETTER TO DIE ON THE ROCKS!

BUT LUCK WAS WITH ME - I FELL INTO A SOFT BANK OF SNOW...
SAFE FOR A TIME YET! BUT I WONDER WHY IT HASN'T COME AFTER ME?

GO AND LIVE, FOR YOU FOUGHT WELL FOR YOUR LIFE! THIS ONE TIME I WILL PERMIT YOU TO ESCAPE!
T-THERE IT IS, LEERING DOWN AT ME-SPEAKING TO ME!

YOU WILL SERVE AS A WARNING TO OTHERS! TELL THEM- STAY AWAY FROM THE MOUNTAIN! HA-HA-HA-HEE-HEE-HOO-HOO-I GO NOW!

HOURS LATER, DAZED AND STILL SHAKING WITH TERROR, I REACHED OUR CAMP ON LEDGE OF THAT AWFUL, MOUNTAIN...
WHERE OTHERS, MISSY? WE HEAR STRANGE THUNDER!
T-THUNDER? OH, NO! NOT THUNDER! THAT WAS-(SOB)-LAUGHTER YOU HEARD! THE OTHERS ALL DEAD!

THE TIBETANS TOOK ME OUT TO CIVILIZATION! I SPENT WEEKS IN A HOSPITAL AND FOR SOME REASON THEY WOULD NOT LET ME HAVE A MIRROR...
WELL, IF YOU INSIST! BUT IT'S AGAINST ORDERS!
PLEASE I MUST HAVE A MIRROR!

AND THIS IS THE WAY I LOOK NOW, MY FACE OLD AND MY HAIR COMPLETELY WHITE! THAT IS MY STORY, EVERY WORD TRUE, AND YOU MAY BELIEVE IT OR NOT, AS YOU WISH....
The End

THE EVIL TRAP

HALLUCINATIONS? LET ME RECOUNT THE EVENTS OF TERROR AS BEST I CAN... BECAUSE WHAT HAPPENED IS STILL VERY MUCH UNREAL... I DON'T BELIEVE IT, YET IT IS TRUE!

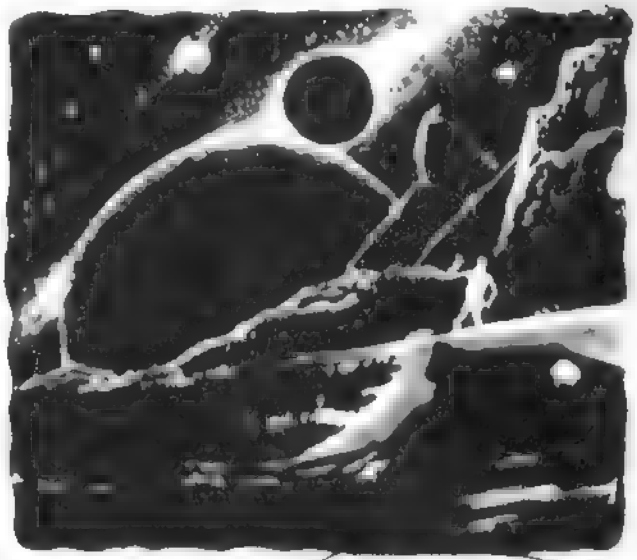
MY ASSOCIATES WARNED ME NOT TO EXPERIMENT WITH HALLUCIGENS BUT I'M A SCIENTIST AND I HAD TO EXPLORE MY INNER MIND! IT WAS ONLY AN HOUR SINCE I CONCOCTED A NEW ELIXER!

PERHAPS THIS FORMULA WILL DELVE DEEPER INTO THOSE HIDDEN RECESSES OF MY MIND! AND OPEN NEW WORLDS!

YOU SWALLOW THE ACRID MIXTURE! SUDDENLY STUPIFIED, YOU TOPPLE TO THE FLOOR! YOUR UNSEEING EYES STARE GLASSILY AS YOU LASPE INTO UNCONSCIOUSNESS!

THEN YOU SEEM TO BE FLOATING RIGIDLY IN A BOUNDLESS REALM OF GHOSTLY SPACE! YEARS APPARENTLY PASS, AND ALL THE TIME YOU ARE UNABLE TO SPEAK OR MOVE...

YOU BLANK OUT AGAIN-- THEN REVIVE TO FIND YOURSELF IN A STRANGE PLACE!

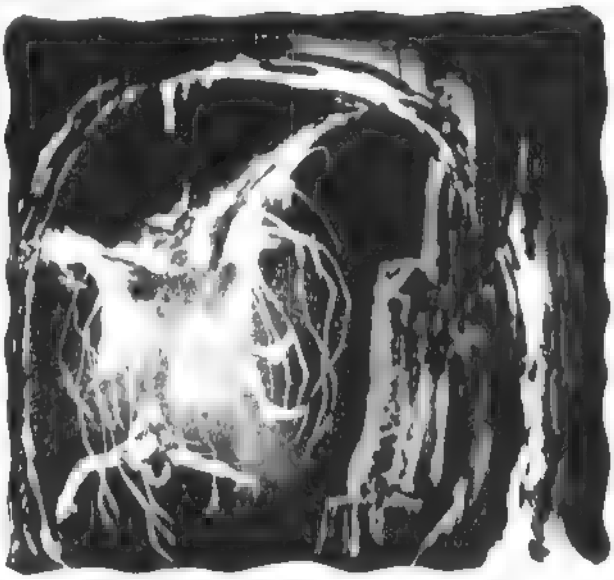


YOU WALK SERENELY ALONG IN YOUR ALIEN SURROUNDINGS--

BUT THIS, HERMAN LASHER, IS NOT A WORLD OF SERENITY,-- AS YOU ABRUPTLY LEARN!

YOU TRY TO FIGHT THE THING OFF, BUT SINEWY ARMS PIN YOU INTO HELPLESSNESS...

YOU ARE CARRIED TO A LEDGE ON A HIGH MOUNTAIN...



THERE IS ANOTHER CREATURE PRONE ON A ROCK! ITS SKULL IS OPEN--AND EMPTY! THEN, TO YOUR HORROR, YOU SOMEHOW REALIZE THAT THIS BEING INTENDS TO PLANT **YOUR** BRAIN IN THAT EMPTY SKULL!

YOU SCREAM--HOPING THAT SOMEONE IN YOUR WORLD OF CONSCIOUSNESS WILL HEAR AND AWAKEN YOU!

SOMEHOW YOU KNOW WHAT TAKES PLACE! ENDLESS PAIN AND HORROR REACH YOUR SEMI-CONSCIOUS MIND!

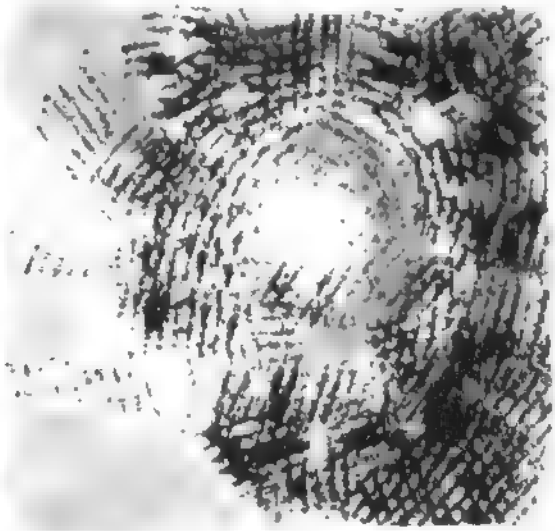
SUDDENLY YOU EXPLODE INTO THE CONSCIOUS!

YOU TURN TO SEE THE OTHER CREATURE REGARDING YOU! BEHIND IT LIES A CRUMPLED BODY--**YOUR** BODY!

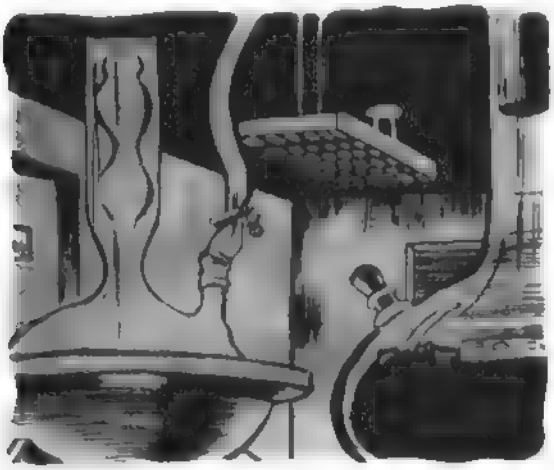
STRENGTHENED WITH RAGE, YOU LEAP AT THE OTHER, AND CLAW IT'S THROAT OPEN WITH ONE SWIFT SLASH OF YOUR SHARP TALONS!

THEN, DETERMINED TO END THE NIGHTMARE, YOU PLUNGE OFF THE LEDGE!

YOU FALL AND FALL INTO WHAT SEEMS TO BE A BOTTOMLESS PIT! AGAIN YOU FEEL AS THOUGH YOU ARE TRAPPED IN TIME...



YOU OPEN YOUR EYES! YOU ARE LYING ON A HARD FLOOR! A SENSE OF TREMENDOUS RELIEF SWEEP OVER YOU AS YOU RECOGNIZE FAMILIAR OBJECTS IN YOUR LAB! YOU ARE BACK IN YOUR WORLD OF NORMAL CONSCIOUSNESS! YOUR NIGHTMARE IS OVER!

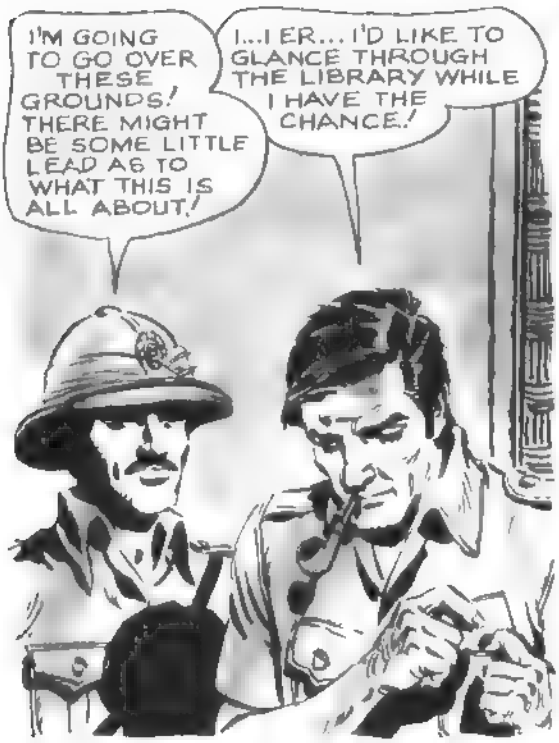


BUT-- AS YOU GET TO YOUR FEET, YOU CAN'T HELP BUT NOTICE YOURSELF-- AND YOU RECEIVE THE SUPREME SHOCK!

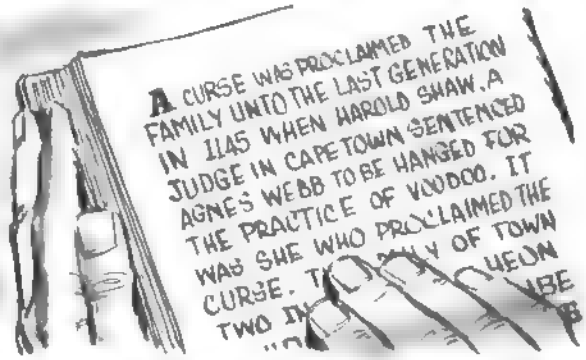
CLAWS of HORROR

BUT I SHOULD HAVE GONE OUTSIDE WITH HIM...THINGS MIGHT HAVE BEEN DIFFERENT FOR CLIFTON...
HAH! WHO ARE YOU? WHERE'D YOU COME FROM?
I'M NOT REALLY A TIGER CUB, MR. SHAW! NOT REALLY!
YOU COULD HAVE ESCAPED THE CURSE! I GAVE YOU FAIR WARNING IN MY NOTE, YOU FOOL!
YAAAAA
UNDER THE JUNGLE MOON THE CURSE WAS FULFILLED! WHAT COULD BE THE STORY BEHIND SUCH VOODOO? I WAS TO DISCOVER THAT ANSWER THE HARD WAY...
THE FOLLOWING DAWN FOUND ME AT THE COMMISSIONERS SIDE TRYING TO FIT THE PIECES OF MY STORY TOGETHER...
LOOKS LIKE HE'S BEEN SCRATCHED WITH SOMETHING, DOC!
IT DOES AT THAT!
I'LL HAVE TO HAND OUT THE BAD NEWS TO HIS BROTHER! THAT'S A TASK I DON'T RELISH!
I'LL COME ALONG TO SEE IF I CAN HELP, COMMISSIONER! NOT THAT I FEEL ANY MORE CAPABLE THAN YOU DO...
OUR GRIM NEWS HAD REACHED CLIFTON'S BROTHER BEFORE WE DID. IN THE JUNGLE NEWS OF VOODOO CURSES TRAVELS FAST!
THIS IS JOHN WYTES, FRED... HE KNEW CLIFTON WELL...
SORRY TO MEET YOU UNDER THESE CIRCUMSTANCES!
THANK YOU! THIS IS LINDA DAY, MY FIANCEE!
I'VE HEARD OF YOU, WYTES, AND OF YOUR STUDY OF CURSES. MY FAMILY SEEMS PLAGUED WITH THEM! MY FATHER LOST HIS LIFE ODDLY LIKE CLIFTON DID! IT WAS BELIEVED A JUNGLE BEAST GOT HIM...
PROBABLY ONLY A FREAK COINCIDENCE, FRED!

THERE WERE FORMAL QUESTIONS THE COMMISSIONER HAD TO ASK, AND AS WE WAITED FOR HIM SOMETHING OUTSIDE CAUGHT MY ATTENTION...
I'LL CONFESS I'M FRIGHTENED! I'LL PROBABLY BE NEXT... EXCUSE ME A FEW MINUTES...
CERTAINLY!
SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT THAT CAT.. WHAT IS IT? GREAT SCOTT! NOW I KNOW! NO TRACKS!
I'D LIKE TO GET A CLOSER LOOK AT THAT KITTY, BUT WITHOUT BEING SEEN! IT'S NOT EXACTLY THE KIND OF CAT I'D CARE TO TANGLE WITH!
BAH! I'LL NEVER KEEP UP WITH IT NOW, AND NOT BE HEARD OR SEEN! GUESS I'M OUT OF LUCK!
WHAT'S THIS? THE NOTE THAT CLIFTON SHOWED ME? BUT IT COULDN'T BE.. THE COMMISSIONER HAS THAT ONE! IT MUST BE ANOTHER!
I STARED IN DISBELIEF, BUT THERE IT WAS! ANOTHER THREAT NOTE AS CLIFTON HAD RECEIVED!
Fred Shaw: Not one in your family can escape punishment! The curse shall be fulfilled unto the last member!
OH, THERE YOU ARE, JOHN! I'VE GOT SOME NEWS! POISON DID KILL CLIFTON! A TYPE NOT USED FOR CENTURIES! THERE'S SOME OLD LEGEND ABOUT IT... SUPPOSED TO BE A VOODOO POTION THAT WAS A HIGHLY GUARDED SECRET!
VOODOO? THAT'S NO HELP TO US, IS IT?


I'M GOING TO GO OVER THESE GROUNDS! THERE MIGHT BE SOME LITTLE LEAD AS TO WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT!
I...I ER... I'D LIKE TO GLANCE THROUGH THE LIBRARY WHILE I HAVE THE CHANCE!

HISTORY OF THE SHAW FAMILY... THIS IS IT! NOW TO SEE IF THERE IS ANY FACT TO PROVE FREDS CLAIM OF HIM BEING AN INTENDED VICTIM!


IN THE BOOK I READ SOMETHING THAT SET ME THINKING...
A CURSE WAS PROCLAIMED THE FAMILY UNTO THE LAST GENERATION IN 1145 WHEN HAROLD SHAW, A JUDGE IN CAPETOWN SENTENCED AGNES WEBB TO BE HANGED FOR THE PRACTICE OF VOODOO. IT WAS SHE WHO PROCLAIMED THE CURSE.

SUDDENLY I FELT THE PRESENCE OF ANOTHER IN THE ROOM... I WHIRLED AROUND AND FACED A WOMAN WHO WAS LIKE A CAT, OR WAS IT A WITCH...
CURIOUS, AREN'T YOU!? WELL, THERE ARE MANY THINGS I COULD SHOW YOU, MEDDLER!
UH- WHO ARE YOU?

I COULD TELL THOSE WORDS WERE AN INVITATION TO SEE SOMETHING UNPLEASANT, BUT I FELT COMPELLED TO FOLLOW HER FLEEING FIGURE!
UGH... THE VERY AIR HAS TURNED COLD AND SHE SEEMS TO WAFT AN AROMA THAT SMACKS OF A TOMB...

CAN'T KEEP UP WITH HER, BUT THEN I'M NOT VERY ACCUSTOMED TO RUNNING A RACE WITH A CAT OR A WITCH...

GONE... BUT SOMETHING TELLS ME THAT ALL IS NOT WELL IN THE SHAW HOUSEHOLD...
AT THAT MOMENT I HEARD A HOARSE CRY... THE VOICE BELONGED TO FRED SHAW...

THE COMMISSIONER AND I SEEMED TO ARRIVE AT THE SPLIT SECOND! FRED WAS SOBBING...
WHAT'S WRONG?
A...A CAT WOMAN! SHE TRIED TO GET ME...LILLIAN CAME IN JUST IN TIME! IT DISAPPEARED AND LILLIAN FAINTED!
WHILE WE REVIVED LILLIAN AND COMFORTED FRED, I WONDERED WHAT HAD HAPPENED TO THE CREATURE...
BREW-BREW! MY TASK IS ALMOST COMPLETE BUT I SEE I MUST GET OTHERS OUT OF MY WAY TOO... ESPECIALLY THAT DOCTOR!
ENOUGH TIME HAS BEEN WASTED! TONIGHT I WILL DO THE ENTIRE BUSINESS, AND BE DONE WITH IT!
I THINK I MAY HAVE SOMETHING IN MY LABORATORY THAT COULD ASSIST US!
GO TO IT, JOHN!
NOTHING CAN HELP NOW! I AM DOOMED BY SOME SORT OF BLACK MAGIC!
WHAT I HAD TO DO TOOK OVER AN HOUR, BUT THEN I RETURNED TO THE SHAW HOME AND WENT INTO THE LIBRARY TO WAIT... MY PLAN WAS UNDER WAY!
C'MON, TIGERS PAW, THIS WAITING ISN'T EASY ON THE NERVES...
AH...THERE IT IS! UNNATURAL LOOKING BEAST...THOSE EYES...A GHOST CAT. GOT TO BE CALM NOW...

WHY DO YOU STAND IN MY WAY, STRANGER! MY BUSINESS IS WITH THE SHAWS!
I BELIEVE I HAVE POWER TO STOP ANY SUPER-NATURAL EVIL SUCH AS YOU MIGHT PERFORM!

YOU FOOL! I HAVE NO PATIENCE WITH SUCH NONSENSE! YOU DESERVE NO MORE THAN DEATH BY THE TIGERS!
THIS IS THE TEST... NOW WE'LL SEE WHAT HAPPENS...

HE WHO DEFIES THE ANCIENT VOODOO RITES, OR TRIES TO PREVENT THEM, SEALS HIS OWN DOOM!
C-CAN'T CATCH MY BREATH... G-GOT TO HANG ON... B-BUT EVERYTHING'S TURNING SO BLACK...

I HEARD HER SLINK DOWN THE HALL TO FRED'S ROOM... AS IN A DREAM STATE, THEIR VOICES WERE CARRIED TO ME...
AND NOW... THE LAST MEMBER OF THE SHAW FAMILY!
NO.. NO... HELP!

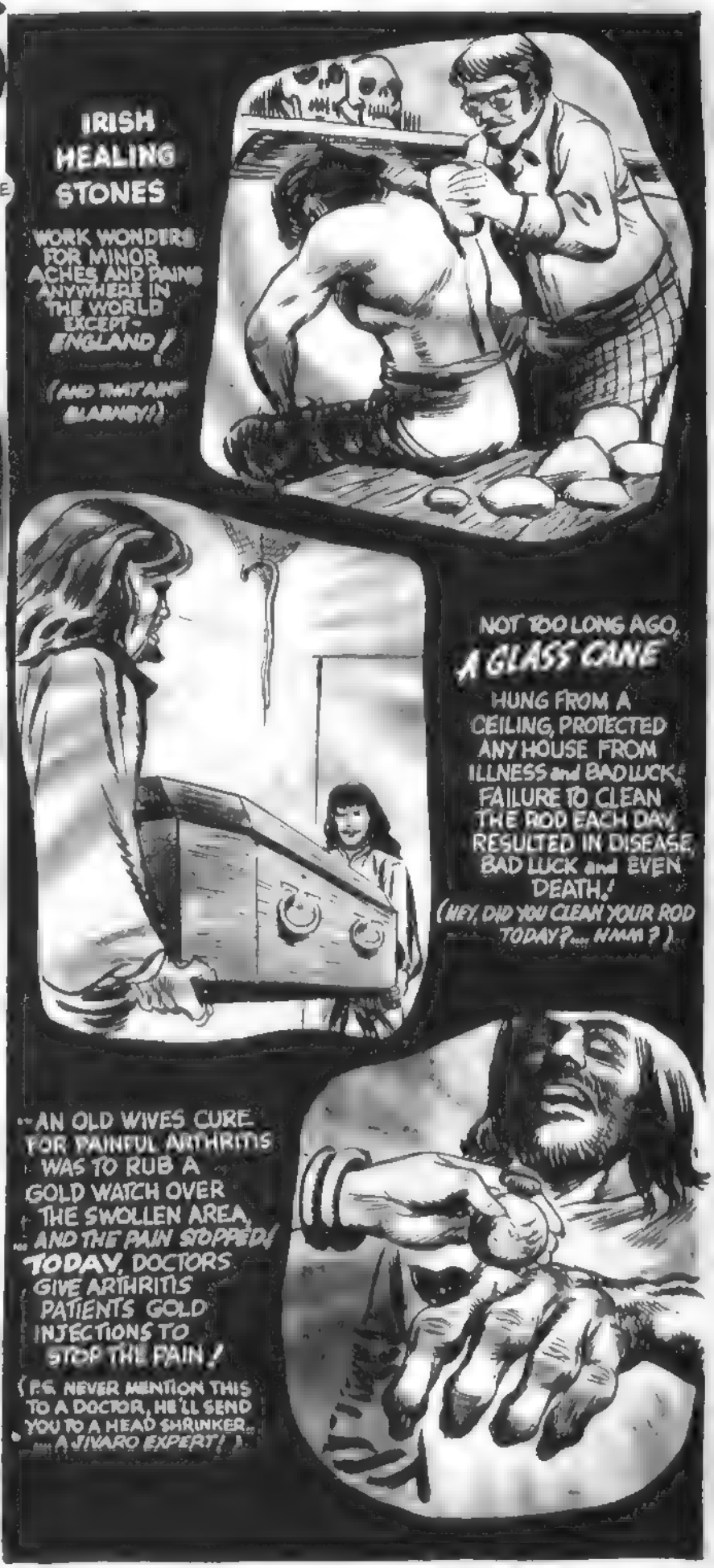
AS YOUR FOREFATHER CONDEMNED ME, SO HAVE I SENTENCED YOU ALL TO DIE! YOU ARE THE FAMILY AND GOOD RIDDANCE...
YOU ARE AGNES WEBB... HOW CAN THIS BE!?

...PERHAPS FRED'S SHOUTS DID THE TRICK. IN ANY EVENT, I SNAPPED OUT OF SEMI-CONSCIOUSNESS AND STAGGERED TOWARD THAT ROOM...
WHY SHOULD I TELL YOU WHAT IT TOOK ME CENTURIES TO LEARN?

IT TOOK ALL OF MY STRENGTH TO PULL HER AWAY, BUT YOU MUST REMEMBER, THIS WAS NOT A WOMAN, IT WAS A FULL FLEDGED TIGRESS! HER CLAWS LASHED OUT AND SHE SNARLED AND FOUGHT FURIOUSLY...
TAKE YOUR HANDS OFF ME, YOU FOOL!
THAT'S ENOUGH, AGNES WEBB, YOUR VOODOO SPELL HAS BEEN BROKEN!
THIS IS NOT THE COMMISSIONER YOU'RE THREATENING, IT'S JOHN WYTES, THE MAN YOU JUST CLAWED TO DEATH!
THE DOCTOR! NO, IT CAN'T BE YOU!
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED TO AGNES WEBB. I HAD DISCOVERED HER SECRET! I HAD BROKEN THE CHAIN OF HER OUTER WORLD POWER AND HER EVIL WAS NOW OF NO USE... I THEN ATTENDED TO FRED SHAW...
EASY NOW, FRED!
AM I SEEING THINGS? A GIANT TIGRESS JUST SEEMED TO BE IN THIS ROOM!
YOU SAW WHAT YOU SAW COMMISSIONER! NOW, FRED, YOU'RE OKAY!
YOU SAVED MY LIFE, DOCTOR! BUT HOW?
THERE'S REALLY NO MAGIC ABOUT IT! I MANAGED TO PUT TOGETHER AN ANTIDOTE TO THE POISON SHE BREWED UP FOR HER CLAWS! IT WORKED ON ME SO I KNEW IT COULDN'T HARM YOU THEN!
YOU BROKE A VOODOO SPELL! INCREDIBLE!
FANTASTIC, UNCLE JOHN! BUT I DON'T SEE HOW THAT TIES UP WITH THIS BOTTLE?
THAT BOTTLE CONTAINED THE ANTIDOTE! I KEPT IT... WELL... IN CASE! YOU SEE... EVEN I HAVE DOUBTS THAT HER SPELL WAS REALLY BROKEN!
THE END

FACTS FOR GHOULS

I'M JUST RETURNING FROM THE APOTHECARY, WHERE I LEARNED QUITE A BIT ABOUT CURES! --YOU THERE! STOP SNICKERING! NOW LISTEN! ..DID YOU KNOW THAT---

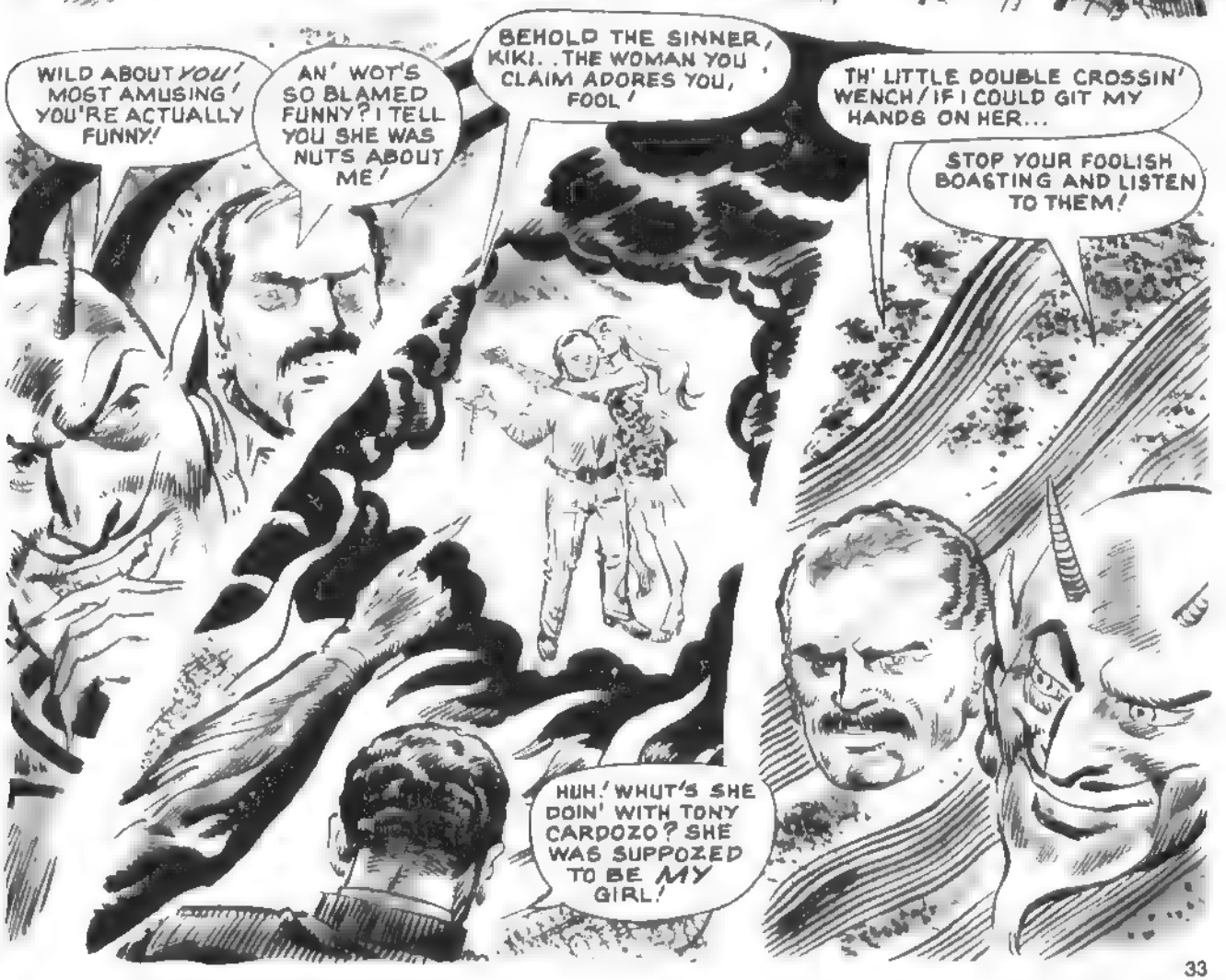


Satan's DEMON

WHA'-? GIMME A TOMMYGUN, SOMEBODY! I'M GOIN' RAT HUNTIN' FER A RAT NAMED TONY CARDOZO!
SOON...
DON'T MOVE! DON'T NOBODY MOVE!
EVERYBODY DIE! THE WHOLE CARDOZO MOB WIPED OUT AT ONE STROKE! HA-HA! NOBODY WILL DARE BUCK JOHNNIE GROTZ FROM NOW ON!
YOUR BLOOD!
STRANGE...NO BLOOD! WHERE'S THE BLOOD! HUH... WAX DUMMIES!
OH, THERE'LL BE PLENTY OF BLOOD, JOHNNIE...
TONY! AGGHH-HHH!
EVERYTHING WENT BLACK FOR THE COCKY GANGMAN WHO HAD BOASTED HE WAS GOING PLACES!

JOHNNIE GROTZ, BIG SHOT! HE LOOKS JUST LIKE ANY OTHER DEAD RAT!
GET SOME WEIGHTS... TOSS HIM IN THE RIVER .. WHILE I FRAME ME UP SOME ALIBI THAT'LL STICK!
JOHNNIE BLINKED HIS EYES, THERE WAS A STRANGE HUMMING IN HIS EARS! THEN HE HEARD THE WILD SCREAMS...
WHERE AM I DRIFTIN'?
HIS FEET STRUCK ROCK! HIS VISION CLEARED, AND WHEN HE SAW WHAT HE SAW, HE RE-GRETTED THAT HE COULD SEE AT ALL!
WHAT KINDUVA CRAZY DUMP IS THIS? WHAT'RE THOSE THINGS? WHERE IN BLAZES AM I?
THE EXPLANATION STABBED AT HIS CONSCIOUSNESS HE FOUGHT IT OFF IN DREAD PANIC, BUT THE ANSWER CROWDED TAUNTINGLY BACK...
LOOK! A NEW ONE! LET ME AT HIM!
I SAW HIM FIRST! HE'S MINE!
THE ONE THAT GETS HIM FIRST CAN HAVE HIM! HEE-HEE!
THAT'S IT! HELL! I'M IN HELL!
JOHNNIE RAN AS FAST AS HIS FEET COULD CARRY HIM!... HOPELESSLY AT-TEMPTING TO OUTDISTANCE THE FIENDS OF HELL!

CLOVEN HOOVES! OH, NO! IT CAN'T BE TRUE! IT MUSTN'T BE!
WELCOME, JOHNNIE GROTZ - KILLER, THIEF AND LIAR! I'VE BEEN WAITING SOME TIME FOR YOU TO SHOW UP AT THIS ADDRESS!
YIIIIEE!
TERROR GRIPPED JOHNNIE AS HE LISTENED TO THE DEVILS TAUNTING VOICE. BUT STILL JOHNNIE WAS JOHNNIE...
I WOULD HAVE THIS LUCK, JUST WHEN A CLASSY BABE LIKE KIKI GOES WILD FOR ME!


WILD ABOUT YOU! MOST AMUSING! YOU'RE ACTUALLY FUNNY!
AN' WOT'S SO BLAMED FUNNY? I TELL YOU SHE WAS NUTS ABOUT ME!
BEHOLD THE SINNER, KIKI. . THE WOMAN YOU CLAIM ADORES YOU, FOOL!
TH' LITTLE DOUBLE CROSSIN' WENCH! IF I COULD GIT MY HANDS ON HER...
STOP YOUR FOOLISH BOASTING AND LISTEN TO THEM!
HUH! WHUT'S SHE DOIN' WITH TONY CARDOZO? SHE WAS SUPPOZED TO BE MY GIRL!

KIKI, YER TERRIF'! TH' WAY YA BAITED DUMB JOHNNIE TO HIS DEATH WAS SLICK!
CA-RAZY 'BOUTCHA TONY! GIMME! OHH... THEY'RE SO PRETTY! MAYBE YOU CAN GET SOME MORE FOR LITTLE KIKI?
SNEAKIN' GOLD DIGGIN' BROAD! I'LL GET EVEN WITH THAT TOMATO, AN' TONY TOO!
TOSS THIS BLUBBERING IDIOT INTO THE PIT OF ETERNAL FIRE! I'M TIRED OF HIS RANTING!
BUT AS THE EVIL DENIZENS OF THE NETHER WORLD CLOSED IN, JOHNNIE SNATCHED AWAY THE DEVIL'S TRIDENT, AND...
YOU WON'T GIT JOHNNIE GROTZ WITHOUT A FIGHT! THE FIRST BOGEYMAN WOT LAYS A CLAW ON ME GITS THIS PITCHFORK RAMMED INTO HIM WHERE IT'LL DO THE MOST GOOD!
BACK COWERED THE SLAIN GANGSTERS UNHOLY FOES, CRINGING AND YAMMERING...
THE TRIDENT! HE STOLE THE BOSS' TRIDENT!
WHOEVER OWNS THE TRIDENT IS MASTER HERE! IT IS THE SECRET SOURCE OF BLACK POWER!
YOU TALK TOO MUCH! QUIET!
AHA! I GIT THE SET-UP! AS LONG AS I HANG ON TO THIS FANCY PITCHFORK, I'M THE BIG CHEESE 'ROUND HERE! HAW! AIN'T THAT SOMETHING! I GUESS THAT MAKES ME "THE KING OF HADES!"

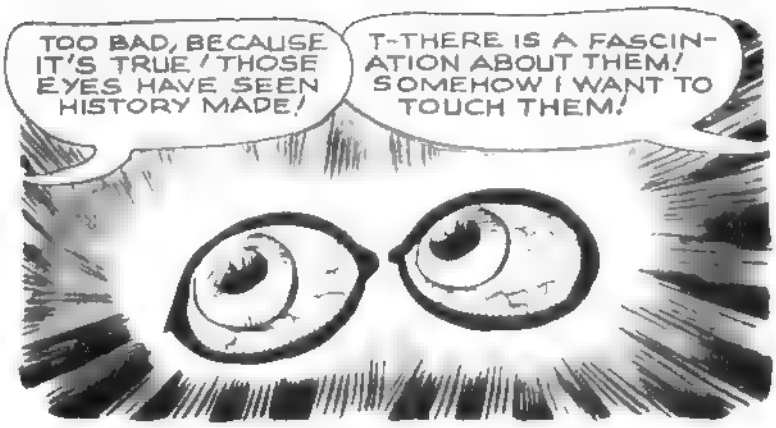
NOW LOOKA HERE, YA UNHOLY MUGG THERE'S GONNA BE A LOT OF CHANGES AROUND HERE.' BUT FIRST I'VE GOT A FEW PRIVATE SCORES TO SETTLE BACK ON EARTH!
WE'RE ALONE, KIKI.' HOW ABOUT PROVIN' YA LOVE ME, HUH? GIMME A GREAT BIG KISS!
VIPES! WE'RE NOT ALONE NO MORE, TONY HONEY!
WHAT A WASTE OF GOOD AMMUNITION!
JOHNNIE! JOHNNIE GROTZ! B-BUT IT CAN'T BE! YER AT TH' BOTTOM OF TH' RIVER!
NA-NA! I GUESS I MUST BE IF YOU SAY SO, EH, TONY!?
OKAY, PALS! LET 'EM HAVE IT! THE PARTY'S ON ME - HELP YOURSELVES! THIS SHOULD BE A REAL PLEASURE!
WE'LL FIX THEM, DON'T WORRY!
KIKI WAS NOT TO ESCAPE JOHNNIES INJURED VANITY... IN FACT SHE RECEIVED SPECIAL ATTENTION!
AIEEEE!

TAKE HER AWAY! SHE'S JUST WHAT WE NEED TO BRIGHTEN UP THE PLACE!
WHH!
WHERE TO, BOSS!
WE'RE CALLING ON WHITNEY SQUAREDEAL, THE ASSISTANT D.A WHO SENT ME UP THE RIVER!
SQUAREDEAL WAS IN THE OFFICE OF HIS SUPERIOR, D.A. JACK STRONGHEART
SQUAREDEAL, THIS CITATION OF MERIT IS FOR TWENTY YEARS OF TRUE-BLUE SERVICE IN BEHALF OF LAW AND ORDER! I CONSIDER YOU INCORRUPTIBLE!
IT'S BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE UNDER YOU, SIR!
POINTING THE TRIDENT AT HIS HATED FOE, JONNIE WILLED HIM INTO PERFORMING A REPREHENSIBLE ACT...
SQUAREDEAL, YOU HEEL, YOU'RE STEALING THE WALLET MY DEAR DAD GAVE ME!
I-I C-CAN'T HELP MYSELF! (SOB)
(SOB) TWENTY YEARS DOWN THE DRAIN! WHY DID I DO IT? WHY?
LOCK UP THAT SNEAK! I'LL SEE TO IT THAT HE GETS LIFE!
NOW BOSS, NOW CAN WE GO BACK? WE COULD HAVE MORE FUN DOWN BELOW WITH OUR FRIENDS!
LET'S GO! I'VE GOT A FEW MORE DETAILS TO TAKE CARE OF!

THERE WAS HELL TO PAY WHEN JOHNNIE GOT BACK TO HADES! HE MADE SOME STARTLING INNOVATIONS AND NO ONE DARED DISOBEY THE POSSESSOR OF THE BLACK MAGIC TRIDENT!
AIR CONDITIONING IN HELL! IT'S MADNESS! W-WE'RE FREEZING!
SHADDUP! I'M BOSS HERE! NOW SHINE MY SHOES!
HOW HUMILIATING! I NEVER THOUGHT I'D COME TO THIS!
HAW-HAW! IF THE BOYS COULD ONLY SEE ME NOW! JOHNNIE GROTZ... KING OF HADES!
BUT AS JOHNNIE DROPPED THE TRIDENT, SATAN GESTURED AND SUDDENLY THE GROUND WAS COVERED WITH HUNDREDS, ALL IDENTICAL!
ONE OUT OF HUNDREDS! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE! WHATA DEVILISH TRICK!
FRANTICALLY JOHNNIE GRABBED TRIDENT AFTER TRIDENT, MOUTHING COMMANDS, WITHOUT EFFECT! THEN HE LOOKED UP AND GASPED...
DEVIL! LISSEN! I WAS ONLY KIDDIN'' I NEVER MEANT T' SWIPE YER JOB FER LONG! IT WAS JUST A JOKE! HONEST! DON'T LET 'EM...
INTO THE FLAMES WITH THE FOOL WHO DARED TRY TO OUTWIT SATAN! HE WILL SUFFER AGONIES YET UNDREAMED OF BY THE MOST MANIACAL MIND!
THE END

the MUMMY'S EVIL EYES
PROFESSOR ADKINS OF THE SMITHSON MUSEUM GETS A LONG AWAITED PACKAGE...
HA, AT LAST! MUST BE THE PACKAGE FROM JONES IN CAIRO! THE GREATEST (CHUCKLE) - FIND IN YEARS!
UGH! I REMEMBER YOU TELLING ME ABOUT IT, PROFESSOR! I WISH I COULD SHARE YOUR ENTHUSIASM!
HA! HA! YOU MUSTN'T BE SO SQUEAMISH, SANDRA! AS SECRETARY TO AN ANTHROPOLOGIST, YOU MUST GET USED TO THESE THINGS!
I'LL NEVER GET USED TO IT! HORRIBLE, MOULDY OLD THINGS!

IT DEPENDS ON YOUR VIEWPOINT, MY DEAR! TO ME THOSE EYES ARE A THING OF BEAUTY!
THEY'RE HORRIBLE! AND I DON'T BELIEVE A WORD OF THAT CRAZY OLD LEGEND!


TOO BAD, BECAUSE IT'S TRUE! THOSE EYES HAVE SEEN HISTORY MADE!
T-THERE IS A FASCINATION ABOUT THEM! SOMEHOW I WANT TO TOUCH THEM!

HOLD THEM, MY DEAR, THEY CAN'T HURT YOU!
THEY FEEL WARM AND SLIMY!

SUDDENLY...
SANDRA, BE CAREFUL! IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO THOSE EYES NOW...
YIEEEEE- THEY MOVED!

I'LL JUST PUT THEM IN HERE! THOSE EYES ARE WORTH A MILLION! TOMORROW WE'LL ANNOUNCE WE HAVE FOUND THE EYES OF AKBAR!
ALL RIGHT, PROFESSOR! I'LL WAIT FOR BOB WHO IS TAKING ME TO DINNER!

LATER...
THE STORY THE PROFESSOR TOLD... SUCH RUBBISH! HOW COULD THE EYES OF A PRIEST DEAD OVER FIVE THOUSAND YEARS, STAY ALIVE? B-BUT IT DID FEEL LIKE THEY MOVED!

A FEW MINUTES LATER, IN THE DARK MUMMY ROOM OF THE MUSEUM...
I-AKBAR-WANT MY EYES! I KNOW THEY ARE CLOSE!

AT LAST I'LL HAVE MY EYES AGAIN! THE EYES THAT HAVE SEEN AND KNOW EVERYTHING!

HAAA- I'M FREE! NOW TO GET MY EYES!

THE DEAD THING ATTRACTED BY THE LIGHT STOMPS DOWN THE LONG CORRIDOR SEEKING-SEEKING...
THEY CAN'T FOOL ME! I TOLD THEM THAT SOMEDAY I WOULD GET MY EYES BACK! HA-HA-HA-HA-HA...

IN THE LONELY OFFICE SANDRA ADAMS SENSES SOMETHING WRONG...

AND THEN..
I AM AKBAR! I WANT MY EYES!
EEEEEEE!

THE TERRIFIED GIRL DASHES PAST THE BLIND STUMBLING HORROR...
FOOL! I CARE NOTHING FOR YOU! I ONLY WANT MY EYES!
EEYIEE HELP! GUARD!

MEANTIME, BOB MORRIS, SANDRA'S BOY FRIEND HAS JUST ENTERED THE MUSEUM...
EVENING, MR. MORRIS! I THINK YOUR GIRL IS WAITING IN THE PROFESSOR'S OFFICE!
THANKS, TOM! HEY, DID YOU HEAR SOMEONE SCREAM?

GREAT SCOT! THAT'S SANDRA! WE'RE COMING, DARLING!

A MOMENT LATER...
OHH-BOB! IN T-THERE! THE MUMMY- H-HORRIBLE!
DARLING, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
HUH- DID YOU SAY MUMMY, MISS ADAMS?

THEY ARM THEMSELVES WITH THE FIRST THING AT HAND, AND...
IF SHE SAID THERE WAS A MUMMY IN HERE, THERE WAS!
I TELL YOU I SAW IT! IT WAS AFTER THE EYES!

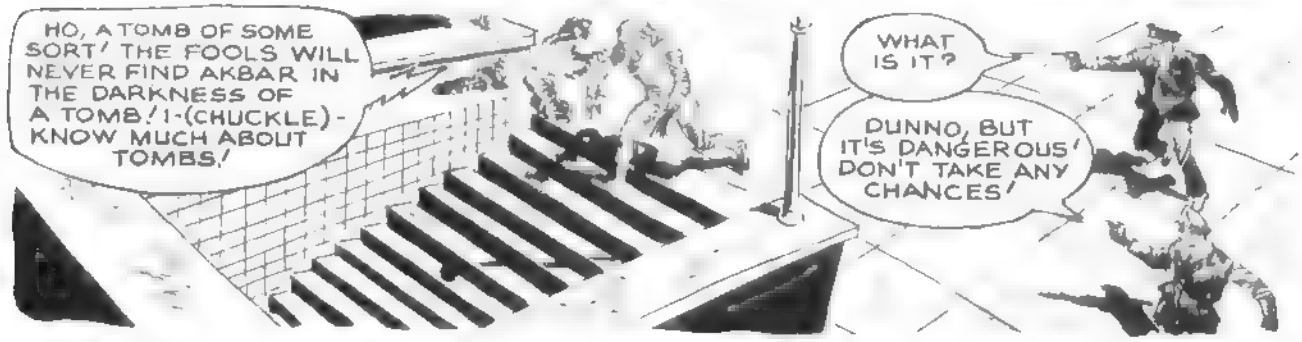
THERE WAS SOMETHING HERE! WOW! LOOK AT THAT SAFE! RIPPED OPEN LIKE IT WAS MADE OF PAPER!
NOTHING HUMAN COULD HAVE DONE THAT!

THE EYES! THEY'RE GONE! SO IT REALLY DID WANT THE EYES!
EYES? AKBAR? MAYBE YOU'D BETTER TELL ME ABOUT IT, HONEY!
YEAH! AND MAYBE I BETTER CALL THE COPS!

BUT EVEN THEN!
AHHH! AKBAR CAN SEE! THE ANCIENT PROPHECY HAS BEEN FULFILLED!

OUT OF AKBARS WAY... I WILL KILL ANY WHO INTERFERE! STAND ASIDE!
EEEEEE

A STARTLED POLICEMAN SUMMONS HELP!


HO, A TOMB OF SOME SORT! THE FOOLS WILL NEVER FIND AKBAR IN THE DARKNESS OF A TOMB! I-(CHUCKLE)-KNOW MUCH ABOUT TOMBS!
WHAT IS IT?
DUNNO, BUT IT'S DANGEROUS! DON'T TAKE ANY CHANCES!

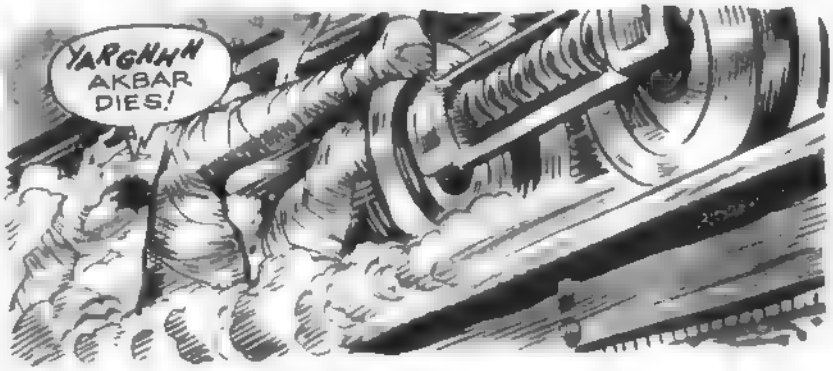
HEY, YOU.
I AM AKBAR, FOOL! GUARD YOUR TOMB ENTRANCE, BUT DO NOT TRY TO STOP ME! I AM A HIGH PRIEST!

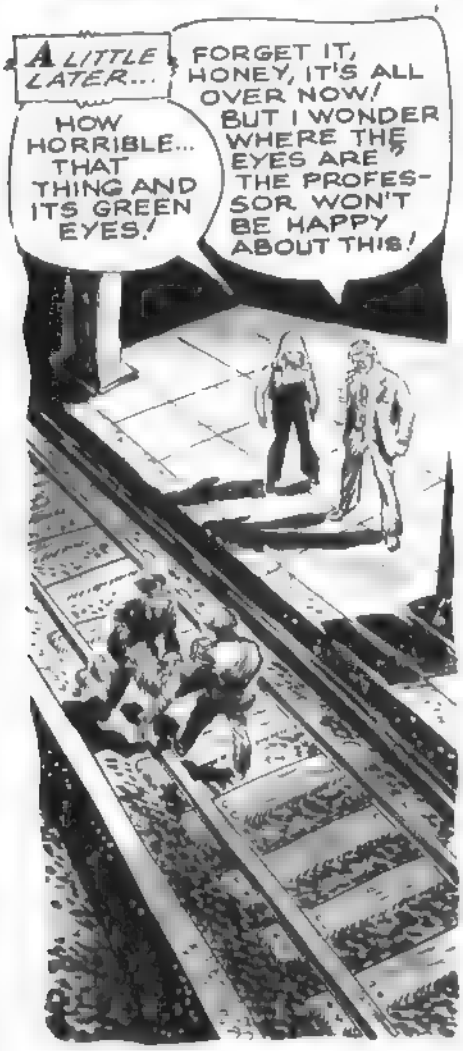
SUDDENLY THE GROTESQUE THING SLIPS AND FALLS...
EEEEYAA! I FALL! MY EYES - GONE AGAIN! MY EYES!

MY EYES! SOMEONE HELP ME FIND MY EYES! YAAAAA AGAIN I AM BLIND!

THE BLINDED MUMMY EDGES TOWARD THE BRINK OF THE PLATFORM...
WHERE ARE ALL THE PRIESTS OF THIS TOMB? IS THERE NOBODY TO HELP AKBAR?! I DEMAND MY EYES!

YEEIIIIE! AKBAR FALLS!


YARGHHH AKBAR DIES!


A LITTLE LATER...
FORGET IT, HONEY, IT'S ALL OVER NOW! BUT I WONDER WHERE THE EYES ARE THE PROFESSOR WON'T BE HAPPY ABOUT THIS!
HOW HORRIBLE... THAT THING AND ITS GREEN EYES!

MUCH LATER...
SORRY, WE'VE LOOKED EVERYWHERE AND THERE'S NO SIGN OF THE EYES!
WE'LL HAVE TO GIVE THE PROFESSOR THE BAD NEWS!
YES, THE EYES OF AKBAR ARE LOST AGAIN!

LOST? NO! SOMEWHERE THE EYES ARE ALIVE, WAITING, SEEING, KNOWING!
...AND SOMEDAY A MUMMY, A THING OF DRY LEATHERY FLESH, AND BRITTLE, YELLOW BONE, SEWN TOGETHER A THING WITH RAW GAPING HOLES IN A CRUSHED SKULL, WILL AGAIN GO LOOKING FOR THE EYES OF AKBAR...
THE END

IN THE STEAMING, CRAWLING DARKNESS OF THE FLORIDA SWAMP COUNTRY, THE GHASTLY SPECTERS OF HORROR PLAN A MURDER... SHOWING THAT THERE ARE...

SPIRITS OF THE WITCH

OSCAR FRAGA

The DREADFUL THOUGHT OF MURDER WAS PUT INTO ACTION! AN INVITATION WAS SENT AND ACCEPTED AND FROM THE NORTH CAME AUNT LENORE!
DEAR AUNT LENORE... YOU DON'T KNOW HOW JAMES AND I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO-- SEEING YOU HERE!

HERE'S YOUR ROOM, AUNTIE... WE HOPE YOU WILL ENJOY YOUR STAY WITH US!
IT'S... LOVELY! THANK YOU. NEPHEWS... NOW PLEASE EXCUSE ME! I MUST PREPARE SOME THINGS!

THOSE FOOLS! LITTLE DO THEY KNOW WHAT THEIR AUNT LENORE IS... HOW I HAVE MASTERED THE BLACK ARTS! HEE! HEE! I KNOW WHAT THEY WANT TO DO!

SPIRITS OF THE SHADOW... HEAR ME! I, YOUR SISTER OF DARKNESS CALLS YOU! PHANTOMS OF EVIL ARISE TO DO BATTLE AGAINST MY NEPHEW!

I SEE YOU, MESSENGER OF DEATH! YOU ANSWERED MY CALL! WE WILL KILL... KILL THOSE WHO WOULD KILL ME!

I'M ALL FOR DROWNING HER... RIGHT HERE... IN THE POOL!
NO, YOU FOOL! WE CAN FORGE A SUICIDE NOTE FOR HER... AND HANG HER! WAIT-- I HAVE A BETTER IDEA---

JAMES PLACED A METRONOME OUTSIDE LENORE'S WINDOW... HOPING THAT THE TIP-TAP OF THE MACHINE WOULD DRIVE LENORE INSANE... IN THE NIGHT...
SHE'LL THINK SOME SWAMP FIEND IS TAPPING ON HER WINDOW! WHA-I THOUGHT I HEARD THE OLD FOOL LAUGHING...
HEE-HEE! HEE!
IT'S YOUR IMAGINATION! I STILL THINK WE OUGHT TO DROWN HER!

ALONE IN THEIR ROOM, IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT, JAMES, AND LESLIE LISTENED FOR THE WEIRD TAPPING SOUND...
I HEAR IT. IT SOUNDS SO STRANGE...
YES... IT SEEMS TOO NEAR... TOO LOUD..
TAP TAP TAP

LESLIE... IT'S LOUDER... IT SEEMS TO BE COMING FROM THIS ROOM!
TAP TAP TAP

NO! NO! EEEYAHH! L-LOOK, J-JAMES... LOOK!

THE WINDOW--LOOK--LOOK AT THE WINDOW! THE-THE TAPPING WAS HERE... IT'S COMING IN--IN HERE!!
TAP TAP TAP

EEEEEYAAARRRGHH!!
TAP TAP TAP

BUT THE BRIGHTNESS OF THE NEXT MORNING TOLD THE MURDER-BENT BROTHERS THAT THE TAPPINGS HAD ALL BEEN A BAD DREAM...
OH-H, THAT SPECTRAL HAND... SEEMED SO REAL!
WE SHOULD HAVE HUNG HER AND HAD IT OVER WITH! QUIET... HERE SHE COMES!

GOOD MORNING, AUNTIE! I HOPE YOU-- SLEPT WELL!
GRACIOUS, YES! HEE! HEE! IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I'D LIKE TO WALK AROUND THE GROUNDS BEFORE BREAKFAST!

SHE... SHE DIDN'T HEAR A SOUND? WE BETTER DROWN HER! THE STRAIN IS TOO MUCH FOR ME!
WAIT! I HAVE ONE MORE IDEA FOR DRIVING HER MAD... IF THAT FAILS, WE CAN HANG HER OR DROWN HER...

WE'LL PAINT THIS ON HER CEILING IN PHOSPHORESCENT PAINT! SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE IT IN THE DAYTIME, BUT AT NIGHT... IT WILL GLOW...!

LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS YOU SEE HER COMING! BRRR! THIS HORRIBLE FACE GIVES ME THE CREEPS... IT'S ALMOST ALIVE... WATCHING!
I GET THE SAME FEELING! HURRY... LET'S GET THIS OVER WITH!

THAT HORRIBLE FACE SHOULD SCARE HER TO DEATH...
...AND THERE'S NO WAY FOR HER TO FIND OUT WE WERE EVER HERE!

AND IN THE STILL OF THE NIGHT...
COME, MY FRIENDS OF THE NIGHT... VENGEANCE UPON MY NEPHEWS...

HEH-HEH! I CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR THE OLD WOMAN SCREAM!
J-JAMES...(GASP).. LOO-- LOOK UP AT OUR...OUR CEILING... LOOK...

ON--ON OUR CEILING? WHA-- WHAT IS IT--
EEEEE! JAMES! IT--IT'S MOVING!

NO! NO! YAARRR!

YAAAARRGHGH!
HA! HA! HA! HA! HA!

T-THAT WAS NO NIGHTMARE LAST NIGHT! OUR HAIR... TURNED WHITE! I CAN'T STAND IT ANY MORE... LET'S DROWN HER NOW!
JAMES! LESLIE! OH, THERE YOU ARE...

WHAT HAPPENED... YOU BOTH LOOK TEN YEARS OLDER! WHAT HAPPENED?
DO YOU MEAN TO SAY THAT YOU HEARD NOTHING LAST NIGHT?
YOU DIDN'T... SEE ANYTHING?

ARE YOU TRYING TO FRIGHTEN ME? YOU SOUND ALMOST AS IF YOU'D SEEN GHOSTS... OR VISIONS... ON YOUR CEILING!

ON THE CEILING! YOU-YOU DID SEE THEM! YOU'RE TRYING TO DRIVE US CRAZY... JUST AS WE PLANNED TO DO TO YOU! I'LL KILL YOU!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? PUT ME DOWN!
YOU DID HEAR NOISES, LENORE... YOU FIEND! FIEND! FIEND!

DIE! DIE! NOW WE'LL HAVE YOUR MONEY AND OUR SANITY!
DROWN, YOU WITCH! DROWN AND STRANGLE...
AIIYEE!
SPLASH!

LOOK AT THE BLOOD! SHE MUST'VE STRUCK HER HEAD!
LEAVE HER THERE... I CAN'T BEAR TO TOUCH HER...

MAD WITH TERROR AS THEY WATCHED THE MONSTROUS THING IN FRONT OF THEM, LESLIE AND JAMES DID NOT SEE THE GHOSTLY HANDS THAT SILENTLY OPENED THE WINDOW BEHIND THEM...

NOW YOU WILL EACH DIE AS YOU HAD PLANNED FOR ME TO DIE! HAHAHRGGGG'
STAY AWAY-Y! 'AARGHH!

CRAZED WITH ALARM, THE BROTHERS FELL! JAMES WHO WANTED TO HANG LENORE...
I'M FALLING! THE VINES... THEY-- ULP-- ARGH-H!

...AND LESLIE, WHO WANTED TO DROWN HER.
EEEYAA-A.. MY HEAD...

THE NEXT MORNING...
WHAT A TERRIBLE SHOCK FOR A POOR OLD DEAR LIKE YOU... MAYBE YOU'D BETTER GO BACK HOME TODAY! WE'LL FIND THE MURDERER!
OH--THE POOR BOYS! YES... I CAN'T STAND IT HERE... SOB... SOB!

WHAT A SWEET OLD LADY!
MAY I GET ANYTHING FOR YOU, MA'AM? ARE YOU ON FOR A LONG VOYAGE?
NO THANK YOU, STEWARD... I'M JUST TAKING A SHORT TRIP AWAY FROM MY HOME IN THE FLORIDA SWAMPS... FOR MY HEALTH...

BUT, BACK AT THE GHASTLY DEATH-SCENE...
THIS IS GOING TO BE A TOUGH CASE TO SOLVE... THIS ONE IN THE POOL MUST'VE HIT HIS HEAD FIRST! SEE ALL THE BLOOD?
YEAH.. SAY... LOOK HERE! WET FOOTPRINTS FROM THE POOL! GREAT SCOTT! THEY LOOK LIKE THE FOOTPRINTS ...OF...A... LITTLE OLD LADY...!!!

THE END

GRAY, ENDLESS FOG--MURKY BOTTOMLESS WATER-- WHAT IS THE BLACK SECRET, THE HIDDEN HORROR THAT LURKS IN THE SEA!

HIDDEN HORROR

AT THE MENTION OF THE DREADED PLAGUE, THE FACES OF THE SHIP'S CREW TURN WHITE WITH TERROR...
THE GRAY PLAGUE!!
WE MUST LEAVE BEFORE WE TOO, ARE INFECTED!!
PERHAPS WE COULD DO SOMETHING TO HELP THESE PEOPLE!
WHY SHOULD WE PUT OUR LIVES IN DANGER FOR A HORDE OF NATIVE? LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!!
ONE MOMENT-- I HAVE A FLASK OF SERUM HERE!! THOSE POOR DEVILS COULD USE IT BETTER THAN
FINE DOCTOR KENNEY!! I'M GLAD THAT ONE OF MY CREW HAS SOME HUMAN INSTINCT WITHIN HIM!!
ATTENTION PEOPLE OF THE ISLAND!! I HAVE A FLASK OF SERUM WHICH WILL SAVE MANY LIVES!! SEND A ROWBOAT AND IT'S YOUR?
THEY SAY THEY WILL HAVE A BOAT HERE IMMEDIATELY! BE PREPARED TO RECIEVE IT... AND GIVE IT THE SERUM!
THROUGHOUT THE CREW, A LOW AND SINISTER GRUMBLING BEGINS...
WE WON'T LET THAT DISEASED HEATHEN ON BOARD, CAPTAIN!
WE'LL CATCH THE PLAGUE FROM HIM!

THIS IS MUTINY, MR. JARVIS!
THEN CALL IT MUTINY!! THE MEN WILL STAND BY ME!

A SUDDEN BURST OF VIOLENCE--AND THE SHIP CHANGES HANDS!
IT IS EASY TO TAKE OVER THE SHIP, MR. JARVIS, BUT THE PRICE YOU WILL PAY WILL BE A HEAVY ONE!!
SO BE IT THEN! I AM CAPTAIN NOW!!

OUR COURSE WILL BE DUE WEST-- AWAY FROM THIS LAND OF PESTILENCE!! THE SERUM WILL BE...

AS SUDDEN...AS THE MUTINY THAT ROCKED THE SHIP, A FIGURE COMES OUT OF THE FOG, HIS SKELETON ARMS RAISED IN A WILD PLEA FOR HELP!!
OH, GOOD CAPTAIN OF THIS SHIP, SEND DOWN YOUR LIFE GIVING MEDICINE SO MY PEOPLE MAY NOT BE DESTROYED!! IT'S OUR ONLY HOPE!!

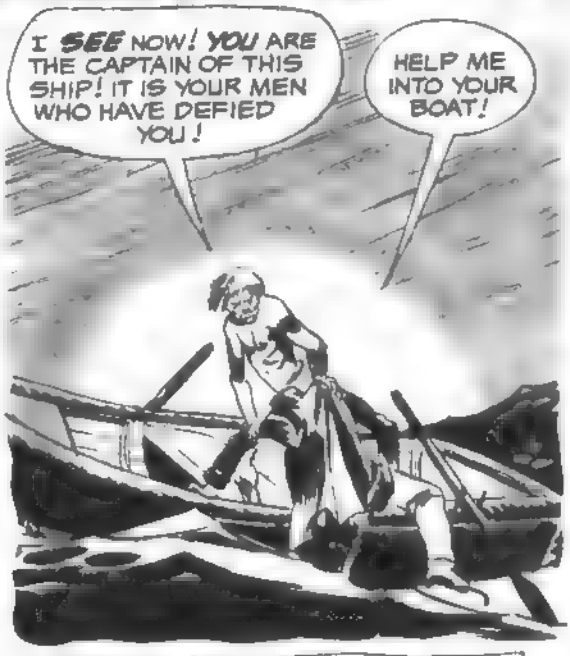
BE GONE, YOU SNIVELING WRETCH!! I HAVE CHANGED MY MIND ABOUT GIVING YOU THE SERUM! IT IS FOR MY MEN ONLY!!

NO!! NO!! COME BACK!! YOU CANNOT BE SO CRUEL AS TO DEPRIVE US OF OUR LIVES!!

IT'S ASTONISHING!! HIS BOAT SEEMS TO KEEP UP WITH US...
LOOK HOW HE ROWS SO FRANTICALLY!! THE FOOL!!

LISTEN, MY ANXIOUS LITTLE FRIEND IN THE ROWBOAT!! WE'LL GIVE YOU SOMETHING YET--
WH--WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH ME??

WITH ONE STRONG PUSH, THE CAPTAIN TUMBLES OVERBOARD, HURTLING MADLY INTO THE WATER...
THE CAPTAIN--WITH MY COMPLIMENTS! HA! HA! HA!
YAAAAH!!!


I SEE NOW! YOU ARE THE CAPTAIN OF THIS SHIP! IT IS YOUR MEN WHO HAVE DEFIED YOU!
HELP ME INTO YOUR BOAT!

I HEAVE THIS CURSE UPON YOU MEN OF THE NEPTUNE... MAY THE TERRORS OF THE SEA AND THE NIGHT CONSPIRE TO DESTROY YOU!!

BUT ALL THE CURSE BRINGS IS HOLLOW LAUGHTER THAT ECHOES LIKE A VOICE FROM HELL...
HA! HA! HA!

A SHORT WHILE LATER, AS THE SHIP DRIFTS THROUGH THE WATER...
STORM CLOUDS AHEAD, JENSEN! LOOKS LIKE WE'RE HEADING FOR A BIG SQUALL!
AYE, AYE, MR. JARVIS!
BATTEN THE HATCHES, MEN!! THE STORM IS GROWING FIERCE!
WE'LL CRASH AGAINST THE ROCKS!!
WE'RE LOST!! LOST!!
THE SHIP IS CRIPPLED, SIR! I CAN'T STEER IT ANY MORE!!
WE MUST TRUST TO FATE NOW, MR. JENSEN! THERE IS NOTHING TO BE DONE!!
AS THE STORM SUBSIDES, THE FEARS OF THE MEN BECOME GREATER AS THE DREADFUL WHITENESS WRAPS ITSELF AROUND THEM...
WHERE ARE WE?? ALL I CAN SEE IS THE FOG!!
IT'S AS IF WE WERE CAUGHT IN A WHITE NET!
LAND!! I SEE LAND!! THERE'S AN ISLAND AHEAD OF US!
BARTON! GET THE BIG MEGAPHONE WORKING! SEE IF YOU CAN ESTABLISH CONTACT WITH THAT ISLAND!
I'LL TRY, MR. JARVIS!!

A FEW LUSTY YELLS THROUGH THE MEGA-PHONE AND A MESSAGE COMES FLOATING BACK... BUT EACH WORD SERVES ONLY TO FREEZE THE BLOOD WITH WARNING OF IMPENDING DOOM!...
THIS IS THE ISLAND OF GUARNACA, THE PLAGUE THROUGHOUT THE ISLANDS HAS CEASED BUT DUE TO A SHORTAGE OF SERUM THE PEOPLE OF THE ISLAND OF GUARNACA HAVE ALL DIED LIKE FLIES...
THIS IS THE ISLAND WE LEFT! WE DRIFTED BACK TO IT IN THE STORM!
BUT HOW COULD IT HAPPEN?
CAN NOTHING BE DONE TO STEER THE SHIP AWAY FROM THAT ISLAND?
TURN! TURN!! THE WHEEL CAN'T BE BROKEN!!
SUDDENLY, THE SOUND OF A MUFFLED OAR BREAKS THE UNNATURAL SILENCE AND A BOAT APPEARS...
WHO'S THERE? SPEAK UP, BEFORE I HAVE YOU FIRED UPON!!
J-A-R-V-I-S!
IT IS I, YOUR CAPTAIN! YOU CAST ME OVERBOARD TO DIE OF THE PLAGUE WITH THE POOR PEOPLE OF THIS ISLAND! YOU HAVE SUCCEEDED... BUT NOW YOUR DEBT WILL BE PAID!!
FLEE, MY FINE CREW, FLEE!! THERE WILL SOON BE NO ESCAPE! N-O E-S-C-A-P-E!!

AH, BUT I HEAR MY FRIEND COMING TO TAKE MY PLACE! HE WILL DEAL WITH YOU IN THE PROPER FASHION!!

AS THE SOUND OF CAPTAIN'S BOAT FADES INTO THE NIGHT, ANOTHER BOAT APPROACHES FROM THE ISLAND...
THE CAPTAIN IS GONE!! BUT WHO IS COMING NOW TO PLAGUE US?

IT IS I, THE SNIVELING WRETCH WHOM YOU DENIED THE SERUM THAT WOULD HAVE SAVED MY ISLAND!! I HAVE BROUGHT YOU A GIFT FROM MY PEOPLE!!

WITH INHUMAN SPEED, THE GHOSTLY NATIVE MOUNTS THE ROPE THAT CARRIES HIM TO THE SHIPS RAIL-- AS THE CREW STANDS TRANSFIXED WITH HORROR!...
HE'S COMING ABOARD!!

YOU REFUSED TO GIVE US THE FLASK OF SERUM THAT WOULD HAVE PREVENTED THE GRAY PLAGUE!! WE ARE NOT SO CRUEL, YOU SEE--WE HAVE BROUGHT YOU A FLASK THAT CONTAINS A GENEROUS PORTION OF--

--THE GERMS OF THE GRAY PLAGUE!

WITH ONE TRIUMPHANT GESTURE, THE NATIVE CRASHES THE FLASK TO THE DECK...
THERE!! IT IS DONE!!
CRAC

HE--HE'S GONE!! GONE!!
L-LOOK!! THE CLOUD OF THE GRAY PLAGUE!!

AS THE GRAY CLOUD SWEEPS OVER THE SHIP A DREADFUL CHANGE OCCURS IN THE MEN...
WHAT'S HAPPENING TO ME? MY HANDS--THEY SEEM TO BE SHRIVELLING LIKE A CORPSE'S!!
IT'S THE GRAY PLAGUE!! AHH-H-H-H!!

DOOMED!
DOOMED!

SOMEWHERE IN THE WATERS OF THE CARIBBEAN, ON NIGHTS WHEN THE AIR IS AS THICK AND WARM AS FRESH BLOOD, A SHIP DRIFTS ENDLESS
THERE IS NO PORT IN SIGHT-- AND THERE NEVER WILL BE!!
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